Incidents of fire in high-rise buildings in Delhi

211. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fire incidents in the high-rise buildings in Delhi during the last two years and the loss of human life as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government have ordered a fresh check-up of fire safety devices installed and other measures taken in this regard in these multi-storeyed buildings;

(c) whether it is a fact that DDA head-quarters buildings lacks in fire safety measures, and

(d) whether Government propose to ban construction of such buildings in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During the last two years viz. 1985-86 and 1986-87, there were 192 incidents of fire in high-rise buildings and 37 lives were lost in these incidents.

(b) On the besis of survey conducted legal notices have since been issued to the owners/occupiers of 194 high-rise buildings to provide the fire safety and fire prevention measures. They have been asked to carry out the directions before 30th September, 1987.

(c) Vikas Minar, belonging to DDA, lacks in fire safety measures.

(d) No, Sir.

Supply of relief materials for Tamils in Sri Lanka

212. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the relief materials airdropped by Government in Sri Lanka on 4th June, 1987 and the cost thereof;

(b) what were the relief materials shipped from India since June, 1987 to Sri Lanka and the cost thereof and also the expenditure incurred on this account;

(c) whether Government propose to continue this relief operation to Sri Lanka; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what were the conditions under which each shipment of relief materials was despatched to Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The relief supplies which were air dropped over Jaffna peninsula on June 4, consisted of essential food items, kerosene and medicines. The total cost of these items was around Rs. 7.5 lakhs.

(b) The relief supplies sent by Government in four shipments so far since June, 1987 consist of essential food items such as rice, wheat flour, maida, sugar, edible oil and medicines. The total cost of relief supplies is around Rs. 1.60 crores. The total expenditure incurred is being worked out.

(c) Yes, Sir. A few more shipments will be sent.

(d) The shipments were sent in accordance with the agreement between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka of June 15, 1987, for despatch of relief supplies to Sri Lankan citizens in the Jaffna peninsula.

वृक्ष रोपण

213. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बहुत बड़ी संख्या में वृक्ष लगाने की कोई योजना हाथ में ली है,